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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed, and the total number of claims has not changed.

Telephone Interview Summary

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Applicants proposed the above amended Claim 1 to the Examiner for a telephone interview on 06 June 2005. The Examiner agreed that the Mochida Patent does not teach Applicants' claimed invention, and he indicated he would reopen prosecution to reconsider the claimed invention upon the submission of this Amendment After Final Rejection. No agreement as to allowance of any claim was reached.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicants amended Claim 1 to recite that the switching element (35) emits a switching signal to confirm when the blocking piece (24) reaches the locking position or transitions from the opened position into the locking position. Support for

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